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For Christs Birth-day.

THis is the Day, the joyfull Day indeed
Which God foretold, that the womans Seed
When Adam by his wife was then misled,
By Satans meanes, should break the Serpents head;
Christ came from Heaven upon the Earth to dwell
To die for us, and free our soules from Hell;
O blessed be his holy name therefore,
That gives a present Salve for every Sore.

For St. Stephens day.

SAint Stephen on this day was ston'd to death,
By misbeleiving Iewes he lost his breath,
For preaching Christ to them; which they withstood
Yet Stephen seald his Faith even with his blood.
Lord strengthen us against the day of tryall,
That we against our Faith make no denyall.

3

For St: Johns day, the Evangelist.

SAint John that holy Evangelist divine,
Whose Gospel over all the world doth shine,
Converted Heathens, was Christs bosom freind,
And preached pardon to us that offend,
In lieu of all, there is requir'd but this
To love and fear the Lord of joy and blis.

4

For Innocents Day.

THis was a bloody, dark, and dismall day,
When Herod did so many Children slay,
Intending then our Saviour to have slain,
For feare lest he upon his Throne should raign,
Yet divine providence did guard him so
His time not come, that he escapt his fo;
Gods providence (you see) is for us all,
His tru Elect shall stand, the rest shall fall.

5

For the Circumcision of Christ, or New-years day.

OUr Savioure Christ came to fulfill the Law,
As all the Prophets in old time foresaw,
And as the Evangelists themselves doe say
He circumcised was on the Eight day.
Lord circumcise our hearts, and keep us still
In thy true fear obedient to thy will.

Another

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Another for the same day.

THis is the first day of the year,
Begin it then in Gods true fear,
And if the old year bad was spent,
Begin the new well, and repent,
Because we cannot tell how soon
Our Morning may be turned to Noon,
Our Noon be turned into Night,
Our Soules from Bodies take their flight.

7

For twelfth day.

GOd by a Star directed the wise men
(As the Evangelists declare by their pen,
To find out Christ the Saviour of mankind:
They found and saw him; We by Faith him find:
They find by Faith who after him do thirst,
He found the lost sheep, so he found us first.

8

For the Conversion of St: *Paul.*

THe admirable Conversion of St: Paul
Seems wonderfull and strange unto us all:
But those that do unto the Lord belong
He'l bring them home, the wicked from among.
Gifts of the Spirit, God to him had given
And now remaines a blessed Saint in Heaven.

9

For the Purification of Mary or Candlemas day

The Virgin Mary never did neglect
The Order and the Custom of the Jewes
For when the time of Purifying came,
Shee willing was and yelded to the same;
Lord purifie our corrupt hearts within,
And cleanse our soules from soule-destroying sin.

10

For Vallentines Day.

Young Men provide you fine new Gloves,
To give your Vallentines and Loves.
Arise, Arise; get up I say,
For this is merry Vallentines day,
Goe call up Mary, Ioane, *and* Ioyce,
And be you constant in your choyse,

11

For St Mathias Day.

Blessed Mathias, hee was chose in place
Of Iudas that did fall away from grace,
O tis a fearfull thing to fall from God,
To ly for ever underneath his Rod,
To fall away and so receive our doom,
And have another taken in our room.

For

12

For the Salutacion of Mary, on March 25

HAil Mary, full of grace, the Angell ſayd,
The God of Hoſts is with thee, Holy Mayd,
Bleſſed above all other women-kind,
Such favour from the Higheſt thou ſhalt find,
The Holy-ghoſt ſhall over-ſhadow thee,
A Mayd ſhall bear a Son, that Son ſhall be
The Saviour of the world: praiſe yea the Lord
Who ſuch a matchleſſe mercy doth afford.

13

For good Friday

THis is the Day that we good Friday call,
This is the Day Chriſt ſufferd for us all,
This is the Day Gods wrath was ſatisfide,
This is the Day weak Man was iuſtifide,
This is the Day Chriſts love to us was ſhown,
This is the Day the Devil was overthrown,
For which great love of his, let's thankfull bee,
That did from Sathans bondage ſet us free.

14

For Easter Day.

OVr Christ is risen from the Dead,
And opened the gate of Life,
Man redeem'd, the Devil fled,
Gods wrath appeasd, Christ ends the strife.
And for which unspeakable Love,
Let's evermore tru thankfull prove.

15

For Saint Marks Day,

SAint Mark Gods holy Church instructed hath
So worthily and heavenly in the Faith,
And made the path way of our soules so even,
We cannot lightly misse the way to heaven,
Unlesse we to our soules be so unkind
For to be blown away by every wind.

16

For Phillip and Iacobs day or May-day.

YOung Men and Mayds do now prepare
Abroad to goe to take the Ayre.
To gather May and many a thing
Thats brought forth by the plesant Spring
Together then they merry bee,
And wish May-day as long as three.

For

17

For Aſcencion Day.

CHriſt is aſcended up to Heaven,
And rich gifts to men hath given,
As we are members, he our head,
So we ſhall riſe when we are dead,
And reſt with him eternally
Where wee ſhall live and never dy.

18

For Whit-Sunday.

GOd ſent on his Apoſtles his bleſt ſpirit
Of his own goodneſſe, not their own merit,
Even ſo Lord give us all thy ſpirit of grace
And from our ſinns give our poor ſoules releaſe.
That they to us may never be a terror,
And keep us ever from the ſpirit of error.

19

For Barnaby bright.

THis day wee call Barnaby *bright*
The longeſt day and ſhorteſt night,
The Summer now wee count half ſpent,
Which young Folk ſpend in merryments
In pretty Sports and harmleſſe Play,
Wiſhing that Summer ſtill would ſtay,

20

For St. John Baptists day.

AS on this day Iohn Baptist loſt his life,
When *Herod* married with his Brothers wife
For telling *Herod* that he was miſled,
King *Herods* Daughter ſoon daun'd off his head;
Tis always ſo when Tyrants bear the ſway;
For ſpeaking Truth, good men are made away.

21

For St. Peters Day

PEter his Lord and Maſter did deny,
But when his Lord on him did caſt an ey,
He wept moſt bitterly, his tears did ſhow
His troubled heart was full of grief and woe.
Lord caſt thine ey of Mercy on us all,
And lend a hand when wee begin to fall.

22

For St. Iames Day.

SAint Iames his heavenly Doctrine divine.
Among the Chriſtians evermore will ſhine:
As God inſtructed him, ſo he doth all
To fear his Name, and ever on him call,
His ſweet Epiſtles manifeſt full well
His Love to us, to ſhun the paths of Hell.

For

23

For St. Bartholomews day.

SAint Bartholmew did beleiv, & likewiſe preach
And did the Faith of Chriſt to Gentils teach,
Converting many Heathens to the truth,
A follower of the Goſpel from his youth;
Let us by his examp'e do the ſame,
And let Gods glory ever be our aym.

24

For St. Mathews day.

CHriſt from ỳ receit of Cuſtom Mathew did call,
And he forſook both Freinds, & wealth, and all:
O happy Mathew! couldſt ſo rule thy heart,
To leave the world, and chooſe the better part,
O follow Mathew in a Courſe ſo even.
For why, his ſtatſteps brings you all to Heaven

25

For Michael the Archangels day.

MIchael ỳ Archangel (who was Chriſt) no leſſe
[illegible]rought Satan and his Angels to diſtreſſe:
[illegible] thy heavenly Angels guard us ſtill,
[illegible] Satan may not work us any ill,
[illegible]otect thy [illegible]urch, O heavenly Lord moſt high,
It may not ſuffer under Tyranny

26

For Saint Lukes day

Luke was a Physician, whom Christ did call,
Who left his Parents and the World, and all,
To follow Christ against the worlds controul,
And he became a Physician for the Soul,
Lord grant the physick of his Doctrin may
Cure all our sinfull Soules that walk astray.

27

For Simon and Iudes day.

SImon and Iude united both in love,
By the holy, heav'nly Spirit of God above,
So all Gods Saints combine themselves in one
Christ Iesus our blest Lord the Corner stone,
Lord grant thy Church may hold together so
That Schismaticks may never work our wo.

28

For all Saints day.

All Saints in Heaven agree and well accord,
The Church triumphant with our heavenly Lord
But the Church Militant upon the Earth
Hath ever been at Discord from its Birth
The Reason is (if humane Wit can tell)
That Heaven cannot well agree with Hell:
If it be so, tis Satans Policy
For to disturb Gods Church with Heresy.

For

29

For the fift of November, or
Gunpouder Treason.

THat Damned Helliſh Pouder-plot
Layd under ground ſo deep,
Becauſe it ſhould not be forgot,
That day wee ſtill do keep:
O let us all with one accord
Give praiſe unto our heavenly Lord

30

For St: Andrewes Day

SAint Andrew ſuffered on the Croſſe,
And did not think his life a loſſe
To gain eternall life thereby,
Knowing that Chriſt on Croſſe did dy
To ſave both him, and you, and mee,
For which great love let's thankful bee

31

For Saint *Thomas* Day,

SAint Thomas *for Chriſts Death did greive.*
That Chriſt was roſe did not beleive
Till he his Wounds did feel and ſee,
Thou art my Lord, my God, ſayd hee.
How bleſt are they that him ne'er ſaw
And yet beleive, and him obay.

32

For St. Barnabas day.

THis do we call holy Saint Barnabas day,
Let all Men to our heavenly Father pray
To give unto us ſuch like gifts of grace,
That we in heaven may have a dwelling place,
Let each man labour ever to do well,
And pull his neighbour from the gates of Hell.

33

For the Sabboth.

SIx dayes is given you for to labour in
So mercifull and kind the Lord hath been
Of ſeven dayes, himſelf doth take but one,
O rob him not of that to leav him none:
Whoever will not on the Sabboth reſt,
Shall never reſt with him among the bleſt.

34

The Bel-Mans *Care*

WEe walk abroad in Froſt and Snow,
And many a weary ſtep do go
To keep your houſes from all harm,
While you ly in your Beds full warm;
Be carefull of your Fire and Light:
And ſo God bleſſe you Day and Night

35

Gods Protection

EXcept the Lord our Citty guard
In vain is all our watch and ward,
For Fire and Sword may you consume,
Then on our Care do not presume,
Both Night and Day Lord keep you all
By sudden death you may not fall

36

On mans Mortallity

OBserve the Lord with all your power
For here you have no certain hour:
Remember (man) when thou cam'st here
How naked, poor, thou didst appear;
And that whatever now thou have,
Thou must return so to thy Grave

37

On Mans *Resurrection*

THat Man must dy wee all do know;
A death to God for Sin wee ow,
O happy man that makes his peace
Before his mortall life doth cease;
For as the Tree (wee know) doth fall,
So rise again wee know it shall

38

Against fear of Invasion

He that doth truly trust in God,
Needs never fear nor Fire nor Sword,
His fear of God, and Conscience clear,
Removeth all his Cause of fear:
Though Mountains into Seas were cast
His Faith is firm, his Fear is past

39

Upon the day of Doom

When Earth of Earth shall turn to Earth
That was but Earth even from its Birth.
Then Earth from Earth shall rise again
To endlesse joy or endlesse pain,
Let Earth then strive and please his Maker
That Earth of Heaven may be partaker.

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